# Mountain Weather Forecast

## Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 19 May 2023 until 23:59 on Saturday 20 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 18 May 2023 at 15:32 by Met Office Aberdeen

**Confidence:** Quite settled conditions with high pressure building from the south however trailing fronts from Icelandic lows continue to cross the country bringing periods of mainly light rain and low cloud. Lower confidence in cloud amounts and periods of rainfall.

**Headline for Friday 19 May 2023:** Bright spells, mainly dry and light winds, cloudier later.

**Mountain weather hazards on Friday 19 May 2023**

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| **Blizzards**<br>Low Likelihood | **Heavy persistent snow**<br>No Likelihood | **Storm force winds**<br>No Likelihood |
| **Gales**<br>No Likelihood | **Severe chill effect**<br>Low Likelihood | **Poor visibility**<br>Low Likelihood |
| **Thunderstorms**<br>No Likelihood | **Heavy persistent rain**<br>No Likelihood | **Strong sunlight**<br>No Likelihood |

| **Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m** | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Time | | | | | | | |
| 00:00 | 03:00 | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 |
| MIST | FOG | MIST | | | | | |
| Mist | Fog | Mist | Sunny intervals | Sunny intervals | Sunny intervals | Sunny intervals | Cloudy |
| Precipitation probability | | | | | | | |
| 10% | 10% | 10% | 10% | 10% | 10% | 10% | 10% |

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**Weather:** Overnight mist and fog for some ranges will lift and clear during the morning, mainly dry for all with bright or sunny spells throughout the day. Feeling quite warm in the sunshine at times. Cloud will thicken from the west later in the afternoon, rain expected for far western ranges by late evening.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** 70%, early low cloud may affect western ranges and be slow to lift in the morning, reforming later in the evening.

**Low Cloud and visibility:** In the north around the hills of Lochaber and Ardnamurchan there will be broken or scattered low cloud above 500m in the morning, this will lift and clear with all summits expected to be clear for much of the afternoon. Visibility will be very good but perhaps turning hazy later in the west as high cloud forms. Lower cloud will affect western ranges again by mid evening with summits shrouded down to 600m near the west coast.

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**Forecast for Friday 19 May 2023**

| Height (m) | Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) | | | | | Wind Direction (blowing from) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 00:00 | 03:00 | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1300** | 18/23 SW | 19/24 SW | 17/22 SW | 14/19 W | 13/18 W | 12/17 W | 10/14 W | 10/13 SW | 9/12 S |
| **900** | 14/19 SW | 13/18 W | 11/16 W | 11/16 W | 11/16 W | 11/16 W | 9/14 W | 8/11 SW | 7/10 SW |
| **600** | 15/20 SW | 14/18 SW | 12/17 SW | 11/16 SW | 11/16 W | 10/15 W | 9/14 W | 9/12 SW | 7/10 SW |
| **300** | 8/13 SW | 7/11 SW | 6/10 SW | 7/11 SW | 8/13 W | 8/13 SW | 7/11 SW | 4/8 SW | 4/8 S |
| **Glen** | 5/12 SW | 5/11 SW | 3/8 SW | 6/11 SW | 6/12 SW | 8/14 W | 8/13 W | 4/7 SW | 4/8 S |

| Height (m) | Temperature / Feels Like (°C) | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 00:00 | 03:00 | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1300** | 1/-4 | 2/-4 | 1/-5 | 2/-4 | 3/-2 | 4/0 | 4/1 | 3/-0 | 4/1 |
| **900** | 4/-0 | 4/-0 | 4/-0 | 5/2 | 7/4 | 8/6 | 8/5 | 6/3 | 6/4 |
| **600** | 6/2 | 6/2 | 6/2 | 7/4 | 9/6 | 10/8 | 9/7 | 8/5 | 8/6 |
| **300** | 9/6 | 8/6 | 8/6 | 10/8 | 12/10 | 13/11 | 12/10 | 10/9 | 10/9 |
| **Glen** | 10/9 | 10/9 | 10/10 | 12/11 | 14/13 | 15/14 | 13/12 | 12/11 | 11/10 |
| **Freezing Level*** | 1400m | 1400m | 1300m | 1500m | 1700m | 2000m | 2100m | 2200m | 2300m |

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

**Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View**
Still quite chilly at height early in the morning with a chill effect in the strong westerly winds and misty conditions however turning quite pleasantly warm during the day at low levels.

**Forecast for Saturday 20 May 2023**
**Weather:** Cloudy overnight with some patchy light rain, perhaps turning heavier for a brief spell, light rain lingering in some areas, some brighter spells during the day but further drizzly rain affecting Lochaber by late afternoon and moving southeast during the evening.

**Maximum wind:** Southwesterly 10-15 mph.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** 50%, scattered or broken low cloud at the west in association with light rain.

**Low Cloud and visibility:** Scattered or broken low cloud layers likely around more western coastal hills, perhaps Further inland, towards the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs will see less low cloud. Low cloud will become extensive again later in the evening with layers down to 400m in the west.

**Temperature:** **Glens:** Plus 8 rising to 14 Celsius.
**At 800m:** Plus 4 rising to 8 Celsius.
**Freezing level:** Above all summits.

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